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NSC Briefing 12 August

Mr Dulles briefed on

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1. Indochina Situation
2. Brazilian ouster of Vargas \*
3. [REDACTED]
4. French North Africa  
(Moroccan unrest)
5. China Floods

\* Not prepared on cards but  
based on morning cables

Not used were

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- (1) Performance of Soviet  
[REDACTED] Aircraft
2. New Soviet M75 in Satellite

Mr Dulles made no requests as a  
result of the NSC meeting

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NSC BRIEFING

11 August 1954

INDOCHINA

- I. Evident Viet Minh power increasing in "retained-Vietnam."
  - A. Diem government's lack of popular appeal indicated by French report:
    1. In one long-established Saigon firm, all but 10 of 250 good-salaried employees stated that, in elections, would unhesitatingly vote for "national hero" Ho.
  - B. Viet Minh not putting dependence on such popularity alone; taking direct action, forthright control.

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1. Reportedly setting up shadow governments in southern villages; boasting "in Saigon in six months."
- C. Diem trying to win support, but task almost insuperable:
  1. Foreign minister trying gain aid of Cochinchina warlords, but they standing pat.
  2. Nationalists want to dump Bao Dai, but Diem reluctant, since might raise question his government's legitimacy.
- D. French summary Diem's probable future: "courageous, virtuous and rapid collapse."
- II. Increasing possibility French may be able continue "presence" in northern Vietnam, even under Viet Minh.

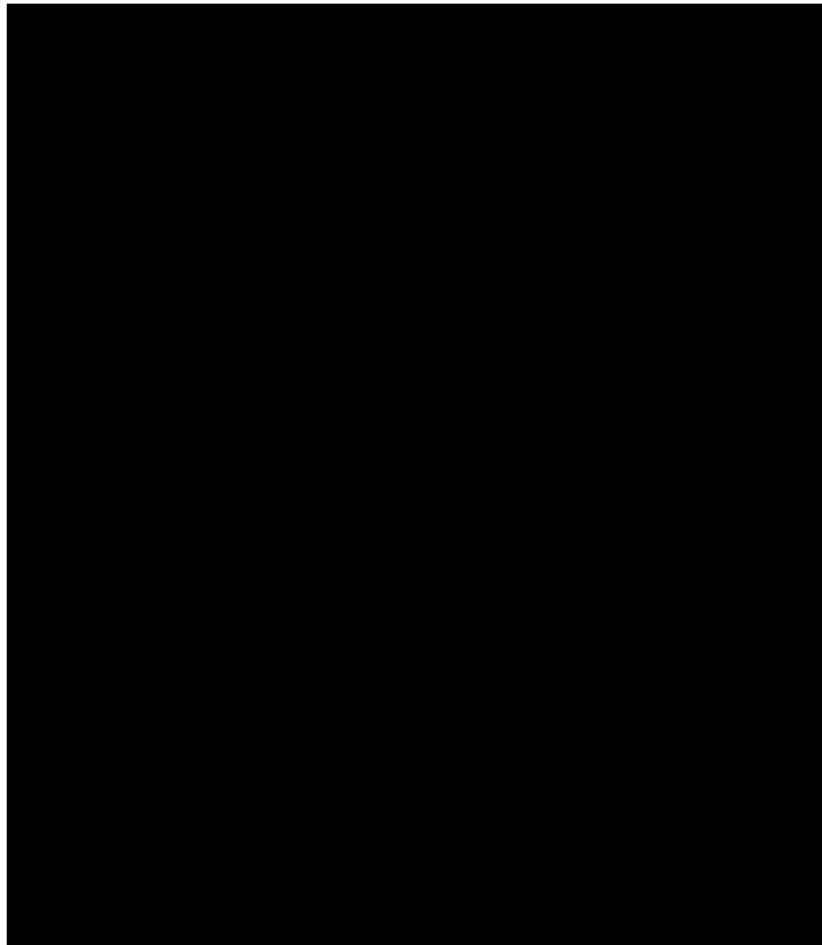
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A. French businessmen in Tonkin  
apparently confident they can  
continue there.

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*Bao  
Dai's  
return*

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